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# Denies selling weapons to Uganda; bail at 450G

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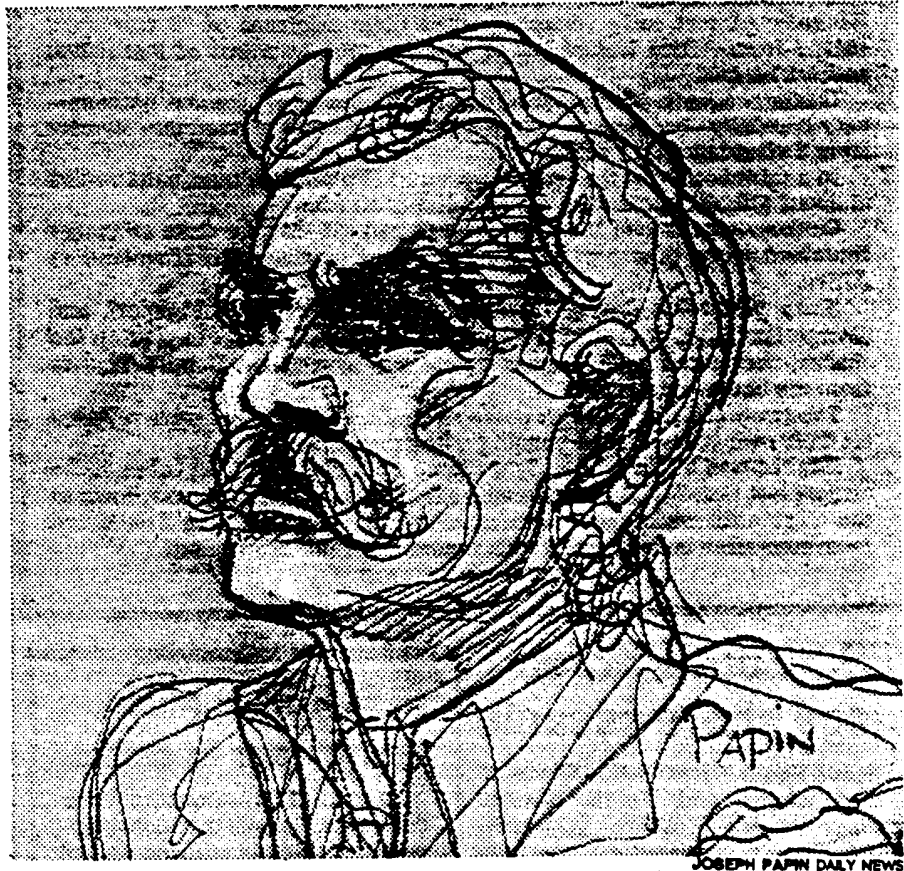
Convicted arms smuggler George Gregory Korkala was held in \$450,000 bail yesterday after pleading innocent in Manhattan Federal Court to charges that he and former CIA agent Frank Terpil sold weapons illegally to Uganda.

The high bail for Korkala, 42, of Nutley, N.J., was set by Judge Pierre Leval. The prosecution requested \$100,000 bail, but Leval rejected the figure as "far too little" considering Korkala's past track record.

Leval noted that Korkala had forfeited \$100,000 bail when he and Terpil skipped the country in 1981 while awaiting trial on state charges of conspiring to sell 10,000 machine guns to undercover New York City detectives posing as Latin American terrorists. Tried and convicted in absentia, the fugitive arms smugglers were sentenced to 54 years in state prison.

Korkala was arrested in Spain a year ago and was returned to New York last weekend after lengthy extradition proceedings. Terpil is believed to be living in the Middle East.

Leval tentatively scheduled May 16 for the federal trial of Korkala. Also facing trial is Terpil's wife, Marilyn.



George Gregory Korkala in Manhattan Federal Court yesterday.